

United States Senate

Jim Sykes, Green



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OCCUPATION: Audio/video producer, citizens rights and empowerment advocate

OTHER:

In leadership positions at AKPIRG, Oilwatch Alaska and Utility Watch, worked for constitutional, Native and consumer rights: helped stop BP monopolistic takeover of Arco while incumbent fought to increase British Petroleum stranglehold on North Slope oil.; preserved Alaskans' constitutional rights and helped defeat a 2000 constitutional amendment limiting citizen initiatives; helped stop 1999 and 2002 Permanent Fund raids.; helped prevent Matanuska Telephone Association takeover; helped block Matanuska Electric Association deregulation attempt.

Project director: built, signed-on KTNA, Talkeetna Community Radio, recorded Alaska Native Review Commission proceedings (working to empower Alaska Natives), 1984-1985; co- founded Chase Community Council; chaired regional community plan; KSKA Public Radio reporter and independent producer; started Radio/TV production course, Martin Luther King Career Center, Anchorage; in 1990-94 gubernatorial elections, secured and maintained Green Party ballot status; built energy-efficient straw bale home with wife of 18 years!

STATEMENT:

We need a Senator representing *Alaskans*, rather than *Outside* corporate interests. The incumbent supported BP's monopolistic Arco takeover. With diverse Alaskans, former Republican governors and the FTC, Sykes helped stop it. Phillips's purchase of Arco preserved needed competition.

We need to remove national energy policy from oil industry control. American energy security can be accomplished only through conservation and shifts to renewable fuels. Alaska can help America by building the All-Alaska Gas Line and providing leadership in developing renewable energy sources while keeping the Arctic Refuge intact.

The incumbent has avoided action to establish national comprehensive health care. I'll continue my long-term efforts to establish universal health care.

I'll continue working to exclude big money from politics and stop massive *Outside* corporate special interest money like that funneled to the incumbent. My campaign accepts donations *only* from Alaskans. I support rigorous reforms including public campaign financing.

Treaties like NAFTA and GATT, supported by the incumbent, stifle Alaska's ability to build a sustainable economy. We need to process raw resources into value-added products *here*, reducing *Outside* control over our economy.

I'll help stop unworkable, unneeded military projects like the "Star Wars" National Missile Defense System. Such pork only provides temporary Alaskan construction jobs - defense contractors make billions, filling the incumbent's campaign chest, and Alaska becomes a nuclear target contaminated with toxic waste.

For more information regarding many critical issues facing Alaskans, visit www.svkesforsenate.com

My public life has always served *Alaskans* - not *Outside* corporations.

Thanks for your support.

Jim Sykes

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